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SUBJECT: SPANISH TREATY RATIFICATION

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1. TRANSCRIPT OF MARCH 3 TREATY RATIFICATION HEARING NOT YET AVAILABLE, BUT WILL BE FORWARDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. REGARDING ALLEGED "STILL SECRET PORTIONS OF AGREEMENT PACKAGE", EMBASSY CORRECT IN ASSUMING THAT REFERENCE IS TO SENATOR SPARKMAN'S STATEMENTS AT OPENING OF HEARING CONCERNING THE AGREEMENT IN IMPLEMENTATION AND ITS PROCEDURAL ANNEXES. HEARING MADE AMPLY CLEAR THAT THERE ARE NO RPT NO SECRET UNDERSTANDINGS OR DOCUMENTS OF ANY KIND AND THAT THE AGREEMENT IN IMPLEMENTATION AND PROCEDURAL ANNEXES HAVE ALREADY BEEN TRANSMITTED INFORMALLY TO THE SENATE FOR ITS INFORMATION AND WILL BE SENT

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FORMALLY LATER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CASE ACT.

3. REGARDING POSSIBLE FUTURE U.S. USE OF SPANISH FACILITIES, THERE WAS NO RPT NO REFERENCE TO ANY KIND OF MIDDLE EAST CONTINGENCY. HOWEVER, SENATOR HUMPHREY ASKED IF, IN A "WORST CASE" CONTINGENCY, THAT IS, A GENERAL ATTACK ON THE WEST, WE WOULD BE ABLE TO USE THE

BASES. THE SENATOR WAS TOLD THAT THE TREATY OBLIGES US TO CONSULT WITH THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT ON SUCH USE. THE SENATOR THEN CONFIRMED HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT INASMUCH AS THE U.S. HAS NO SECURITY OBLIGATION TO SPAIN, SPAIN HAS NO OBLIGATION TO GRANT US AUTOMATIC USE OF THE BASES, AND THEREFORE THERE IS THE PROVISION FOR CONSULTATION. LATER A STATEMENT WAS ADDED TO THE EFFECT THAT NOTHING IN THE TREATY PREJUDICES OUR RIGHT OF SELF DEFENSE. INGERSOLL

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